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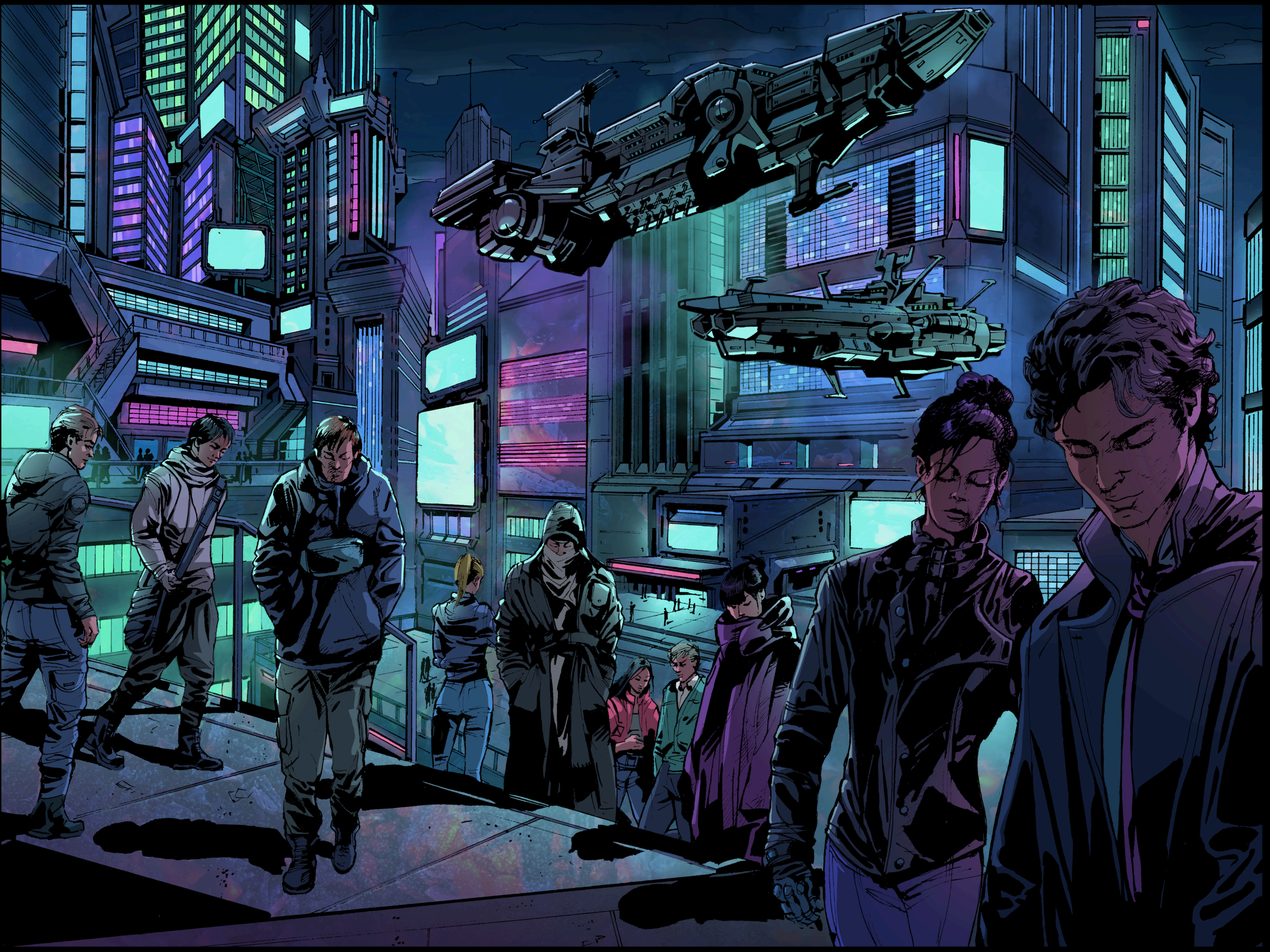

THE YEAR IS 2273. THE PLACE IS THE UNITED ALLIANCE OF NORTH AMERICA.

JOIN THE SPACE FORCE FAMILY NOW!!!

BE PART OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER!

AT THE SPACE FORCE PRESS CONFERENCE.

THE QUANTUM DRIVE HAS A REPORTED SPEED OF MACH 25 WITHOUT ABLATIVE SHIELDS. HOW WILL YOU HANDLE THE CRAFT MOVING AT THOSE SPEEDS?

VERY CAREFULLY.

HA HA HA

AND IS IT TRUE THE QUANTUM WILL BE ARMED WITH TORVECTOR BOMBS.

GOTTA BE READY IF I RUN INTO ANY ANGRY MARTIANS. THAT'S MY ATTEMPT AT A BAD JOKE. NO, THEY'LL BE DUMMY ROUNDS.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE QUANTUM EXPLORER IS DESIGNED FOR RE-ENTRY OF M CLASS PLANETS, IT'S THE FUTURE OF SPACE EXPLORATION AND-

THANKS EVERYONE, BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET COMMANDER CHRISTENSEN PREPPED FOR THE TEST FLIGHT. WE'LL BE HOLDING ANOTHER CONFERENCE AFTER THE EXERCISE IS COMPLETE.

COMMANDER! ONE MORE QUESTION! DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON THE NEW ORDER INITIATIVE AGAINST WHITE SUPREMACY?!

GOD BLESS SPACE FORCE!

MEANWHILE AT ORDER HEADQUARTERS.

ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, WE ARE HERE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF CIVIL UNREST. THEY ARE AT OUR DOORSTEP.

SINCE WE'VE HAD AN UNPRECEDENTED ERA OF PEACE SINCE ORDER TOOK OVER AS GOVERNING BODY OF NORTH AMERICA, THE PEOPLE ARE CALLING FOR SMALLER GOVERNMENT AND MORE FREEDOM.

WE NEED A DISTRACTION.

NO! FORCED PACIFICATION IS THE ONLY WAY.

PACIFICATION RISKS REPRISALS. WHAT WE NEED IS A COMMON ENEMY. A GROUP THAT THREATENS THEIR WAY OF LIFE.

AND WHO IS THIS COMMON ENEMY?

MY MEDIA CAMPAIGN IS READY TO LAUNCH. IN A WEEK'S TIME, THE PEOPLE WILL BE BEGGING US TO DEAL WITH THIS NEW, BUT FAMILIAR THREAT.

THE WORLD HAS FALLEN TO EVIL MEN! REPENT NOW! THE BEAST APPROACHES!!

SINNERS. EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK. SATAN RULES THIS PLACE NOW.

THE COUNTRY CONTINUES TO BE IN A STAGE 4 ALERT AS WHITE SUPREMACIST TERROR CELLS HAVE MADE MORE THREAT. ORDER SECURITY AGENTS CALL THESE THREATS CREDIBLE.

PLEASE, MY KIDS ARE SO HUNGRY...

THERE IS NO MERCY OR HOPE LEFT.

COME ON INSIDE, FRIEND. I'VE GOT ANYTHING YOU MIGHT WANT TO SATISFY YOUR CARNAL DESIRES. BEAUTIFUL GIRLS, ROCK-HARD MEN...

NOT INTERESTED.

I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF STUMPERS IN THERE TOO AND EVEN A LADY ON A VENTILATOR... OR MAYBE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN (WHISPERS), LITTLE PUPPIES...

OUT OF MY WAY!!

THE WICKED WILL PAY.

...SO THE DETROIT ACCORD OF 2261 FINALLY ABOLISHED ALL FORMS OF RACISM... THIS LEGISLATION... USHERED IN BY ORDER ENDED THE SYSTEMIC RACISM OF THE WHITE PATRIARCHY THAT HAD BEEN INGRAINED IN THIS COUNTRY SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED...

THE TWO PARTY SYSTEM WAS ERADICATED AFTER GRAND INSURRECTION OF 2262, PAVING THE WAY FOR A NEW ERA OF TOLERANCE AND INCLUSION UNDER ORDER'S STEWARDSHIP.

THERE'S NO WAY I'M MISSIN DAD'S TEST FLIGHT.

MISSION CONTROL THIS IS Q-1. I'M AT MACH 21.3 AND ACCELERATING FOR ESCAPE VELOCITY.

COPY THAT, Q-1, ALL SYSTEMS ARE GREEN.

HANG ON, MISSION, I'M GETTING A SENSOR WARNING -THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE COOLING SYSTEMS-

MAX? WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?

MULTIPLE SYSTEMS FAILING! -I'M LOSING ALTITUDE! TRYING TO REROUTE AUXILIARY POWER--!

MAX, WE'VE GOT NO MALFUNCTION READINGS HERE!

THE TORVECTOR TARGETING SYSTEM JUST ENGAGED! I CAN'T TURN IT OFF!

GET OUT TO SEA AND EJECT MAX! WE'VE GOT A LOCK ON YOUR POSITION...

CAN'T CONTROL IT... TORVECTOR BOMB WAS RELEASED

IT'S JUST A DUMMY ROUND. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. JUST GET CLEAR AND EJECT!

THE TORVECTOR EXPLODED ON IMPACT! MISSION, I'M LOSING CONTROL... ENGINES ARE OUT... TRYING TO MAINTAIN ALTITUDE... MAYDAY! MAY--

Q-1... DO YOU COPY? Q-1? MAX! ARE YOU THERE?!

HIS BLOOD PRESSURE IS DROPPING!
I CAN'T STOP THE BLEEDING!
WE'RE LOSING HIM!
GET THAT OXYGEN MASK ON HIM!
IS THAT COMMANDER CHRISTENSEN?
IT IS. HE'S IN BAD SHAPE
GET HIM TO OR-6! STAT!
HE'S GOT A LACERATED KIDNEY, A PUNCTURED LUNG AND FOUR BROKEN RIBS. GET ME SUCTION ON THAT BLEEDING.
YES, DOCTOR.
COME ON MAX, BE STRONG FOR ME...
NURSE, REMOVE THOSE BANDAGES FROM HIS HEAD.
OHH... OH GOD...
GET IT TOGETHER. I CAN FIX HIM BUT YOU GOTTA STAY WITH ME.
YES, DOCTOR. SORRY.
DEAR GOD, GIVE HIM STRENGTH AND GUIDE MY HAND.
ISAAC CHRISTENSEN. COME WITH ME.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
JUST COME WITH ME.
TROY? WHY ARE YOU HERE?
IT'LL BE BETTER IF WE TALK OUTSIDE.
IS THIS ABOUT DAD? HOW'D HIS TEST FLIGHT GO?
THERE WAS A PROBLEM.
IS HE OKAY?
HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL AT SPACE FORCE. THE DOCTORS ARE TAKING CARE OF HIM. ALLISON IS WITH HIM.
IS HE GOING TO LIVE?

I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION, ISAAC.

BUT, THE QUANTUM LOST POWER TO THE FLIGHT SYSTEMS...

AND THEN THERE WAS A WEAPONS MALFUNCTION.

I HAD TO GET YOU OUT OF SCHOOL BEFORE THINGS GET OUT OF HAND.

I KNOW. TRY NOT TO WORRY. THINK ABOUT YOUR DAD. WE'LL FIGURE THIS OUT, OKAY ISAAC?

OUT OF HAND? TROY, WHAT'S GOING ON?

THE PRESS IS SAYING YOUR FATHER DROPPED THE BOMB ON PURPOSE. THEY'RE SAYING HE'S PART OF SOME WHITE SUPREMACIST TERRORIST CELL.

THAT'S CRAZY, TROY... DAD WOULD NEVER... THOSE PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO GET INSIDE!

MILITARY ONLY

FOR YOU AND YOUR KIDS.

BLESS YOU!

A LARGE EXPLOSION ROCKED THE INLAND EMPIRE TODAY AS THE COMMANDER OF SPACE FORCE, MAXIMILLIAN CHRISTENSEN DROPPED A BOMB ON THE CITY, KILLING HUNDREDS. INTELLIGENCE CHATTER HAS LINKED COMMANDER CHISTENSEN TO A WHITE SUPREMACIST TERROR GROUP. HE WILL BE REPLACED BY ACTING COMMANDER JORDAN BLAKE IMMEDIATELY.

LIES....

CHRISTENSEN WAS PILOTING AN EXPERIMENTAL SPACECRAFT THAT CRASHED SOON AFTER THE ATTACK. THERE IS NO WORD ON HIS MEDICAL CONDITION AT THIS TIME.

HE HAS ARRIVED AND THE PURGE HAS FINALLY BEGUN AND THE DAY OF RECKONING IS UPON US.

IS SHE RIGHT? IS THIS THE BEGINNING OF THE END? NON-SENSE...

ABDIEL, WHERE WERE YOU?
HOW IS THE COMMANDER?
I DON'T KNOW YET.
WHY ARE ALL OF THESE GUARDS HERE?
NO ENTRY. GET BACK!
UUUUGH
AR RRRO
I'M CHIEF OF SECURITY. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!!
WE HAVE ORDERS TO ARREST THIS TRAITOR WHEN HE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS.
ON WHAT CHARGE?!!
TREASON AND WAR CRIMES. HE'S A TERRORIST. NOW GET BACK, WE DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU!
SNAP!
SMASH
CRASH
DOC? HOW IS HE?
IS HE GONNA LIVE?
COME WITH ME.
ISAAC, YOUR FATHER IS VERY STRONG. HIS INJURIES WOULD HAVE KILLED MOST PEOPLE BUT HE'S HANGING ON.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WE'RE ON LOCKDOWN. ALL I KNOW IS JORDAN TOOK OVER AS COMMANDER MAX IS GOING TO BE ARRESTED AS SOON AS HE WAKES UP.
BUT HE'S INNOCENT. HE WOULD NEVER DO THE THINGS THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT HIM.
DON'T WORRY. I CAN GET HIM OUT OF HERE, BUT I'LL NEED YOUR HELP.

LATER...

CODE BLUE IN RECOVERY ROOM 16, CODE BLUE!

OUT OF THE WAY!

HE'S CRASHING!

GET THAT IV OUT OF HIS ARM. WE GOTTA MOVE HIM TO SURGERY!

YOU CAN'T MOVE HIM!

HE'LL DIE IF WE DON'T!

GOTTA GET HIM TO THE ELEVATORS...

IS IT SAFE TO MOVE HIM?

WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

TAKE THE STAIRS!!

WE'RE GOING TO THE SIXTH FLOOR!

MY SHIP SHOULD BE FUELED UP AND READY.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE GETTING AWAY WITH THIS.

WE'RE NOT OUT YET.

DING!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

I'M GOING TO DOWNLOAD THE FLIGHT DATA.

SOMEONE SET MAX UP, I'M SURE OF IT.

I'LL MEET YOU BACK AT THE JETPORT.

AND WHAT IF YOU GET CAUGHT?

THEN TAKE OFF WITHOUT ME AND MAKE SURE MAX IS SAFE.

THIS IS CRAZY! WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR TREASON!

LET ME GO!

TWO WEEKS LATER

IT TOOK FOREVER TO FIGURE OUT THIS ENCRYPTION.

GOOD JOB, ISAAC.

GLAD I COULD HELP. IS THERE ANYTHING USEFUL ON THERE? DID THEY SABOTAGE DAD'S FLIGHT?

WHAT DOES IT SAY, ISAAC?

THERE WAS A LAST-MINUTE FLIGHT CHECK. THE TORVECTOR DUMMY ROUND WAS REPLACED!

WHO AUTHORIZED IT? DOES IT SAY.

IT'S SIGNED LT. COMMANDER BLAKE.

CAREFUL!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SHIP?

YOU CRASHED, DAD.

SOMEONE TAMPERED WITH THE AVIONICS. THEY WANTED YOU DEAD.

JORDAN??!

IT CAN'T BE.

WHERE'S JORDAN?

BACK AT SPACE FORCE. THEY PROMOTED HIM TO COMMANDER.

THEY ARE ROUNDING UP A LOT OF OUR FRIENDS, SAYING THEY ARE CO-CONSPIRATORS.

CO-CONSPIRATORS?

THEY'RE CALLING YOU A TRAITOR, DAD. THEY SAID YOU KILLED THOSE PEOPLE ON PURPOSE.

YOU'RE AN ENEMY OF THE STATE. THEY THINK YOU'RE A TERRORIST.

IF THEY WANT TERROR, I'LL SHOW THEM TERROR.

JORDAN...

DAD...?

TERRORIST, HUH?

ABOUT TIME YOU GOT BACK. I'M STARVING.

HOW DOES IT LOOK OUT THERE? I'M GETTING A LOT OF REPORTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WHITES.

YEAH, IT'S NOT GOOD OUT THERE.

AGGGH!

THAT'S ENOUGH TRAINING FOR ONE DAY!

I'M FINE...

YOU'RE MAKING PROGRESS BUT YOU CAN'T OVERDO IT.

WHAT'S IT LIKE OUTSIDE?

THEY'RE MASSING UP IN THE SQUARE FOR A PROTEST.

LOTS OF PEACEKEEPERS TOO. I'M GOING BACK OUT. WHAT ARE YOU PICKING UP, ISAAC?

THEY'RE MAKING MORE ARRESTS. GUNOWNERS, CHRISTIANS, ANYONE WHO HAS EVER VOTED AGAINST AN ORDER INITIATIVE.

THEY'RE CALLING THEM ALL TERRORISTS AND ACCUSING THEM OF INSURRECTION.

NOT A GOOD TIME TO BE WHITE, HUH?

THIS ISN'T A TIME FOR JOKES, ABDIEL. I WANT YOU AT THAT PROTEST. SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND OUT ABOUT ORDER'S PLANS.

IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT. THEY'RE GOING TO KEEP SQUEEZING UNTIL YOU GIVE YOURSELF UP.

I DON'T LIKE HIDING ANY MORE THAN YOU DO. THEY'RE GOING TO PAY FOR WHAT THEY DID TO ME. AND THEY'LL PAY FOR ANY CRIMES THEY COMMIT AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE.

DON'T WAIT UP.

ORDER NATIONAL REGISTRY

ALL IT'S GOING TO TAKE IS A MATCH AND THIS WHOLE PLACE WILL CATCH FIRE. I CAN FEE THE ANGER...

SWOOSH

SNAP!

IT'S BEEN WEEKS AND NO SIGN OF MAX. MAYBE HE'S DEAD.

NO. HE'S NOT. HE'S BIDING HIS TIME. WAITING TO MAKE HIS MOVE. I HAVE TO SMOKE HIM OUT BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.

AND IF YOU SMOKE HIM OUT, WHAT THEN?

PUT HIM ON TRIAL FOR HIS CRIMES AS A WHITE SUPREMACIST AND THEN BURN HIM ALIVE.

ALL PEACEKEEPERS, REPEL PROTESTORS WITH EXTREME PREJUDICE--

OPEN FIRE...

WEAPONS FREE! OPEN FIRE!

CLICK

FULL AUTO

SAFE

BAM!

BAM!

UUUGH!

AAARRGHHHH!

BAM!

BAM!

BAM!

WHY DO YOU LET MY PEOPLE SUFFER, LORD?

HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP?

GOOD. ALMOST BACK TO FULL STRENGTH.

YES, PHYSICALLY, YOU'VE MADE AN AMAZING RECOVERY. HOW ABOUT MENTALLY?

I'M ALIVE, THANKS TO YOU. MY SON IS SAFE, THANKS TO YOUR QUICK THINKING.

YES, BUT...?

ALL MY LIFE, I HAVE SERVED WHAT I THOUGHT WAS THE GREATER GOOD, AND NOW... THE THINGS I'M BEING ACCUSED OF... THE THINGS ORDER IS DOING TO PEOPLE, CLAIMING I AM INCITING THEM TO CREATE VIOLENCE, IT'S JUST...

OVERWHELMING, I KNOW. I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW I'M HERE FOR YOU... IF YOU EVER NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE BESIDES GOD THAT IS.

WE HAVE TO MOVE!!

WHAT HAPPENED?

PEACEKEEPERS OPENED FIRE. THERE'S GOTTA BE HUNDREDS DEAD. WE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE.

THEY'RE SWEEPING THE ENTIRE CITY.

I CAN HAVE THE SHIP PREPPED IN FIVE MINUTES.

THE LAST THING I HEARD ON THE SCANNER WAS AN EMERGENCY ORDER TO DETAIN ALL WHITES FOR INTERROGATION. THIS IS OUT OF CONTROL, DAD.

WHITES ARE A MINORITY NOW, SON. AND IF WE'VE LEARNED ANYTHING FROM HISTORY, IT'S EASY FOR GOVERNMENTS TO OPPRESS MINORITIES

GOT A DESTINATION, SIR?

GET US INTO LOW-ORBIT. WE NEED TO GET OUT OF RANGE UNTIL WE CAN FIGURE OUT A PLAN.

IT'S THE ONLY CHOICE WE HAVE. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE WE'LL BE SAFE.

I THOUGHT THE TEMPLE WAS JUST A MYTH.

THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT THE OUTSIDE WORLD TO THINK. SECRECY IS THE KEY TO THEIR SURVIVAL.

I'M SORRY, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR? AS IN THE HOLY GRAIL AND THE CRUSADES AND ALL THAT?

WASN'T THAT LIKE A THOUSAND YEARS AGO? AND YOU'RE SAYING THEY ACTUALLY EXIST NOW?

THEY DO.

AND THAT'S WHERE WE SHOULD GO. THEY CAN HELP US.

I WAS BANISHED, ABDIEL. I CAN NEVER SET FOOT ON THE TEMPLE GROUNDS AGAIN.

THESE ARE EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES...

ISN'T IT WORTH A TRY, DAD?

HOW DO WE EVEN FIND THIS PLACE?

THE COORDINATES ARE WRITTEN ON THE BACK.

SHOULD I PLOT A COURSE, SIR?

AFFIRMATIVE.

ELLESMERE ISLAND, CANADA

TROY COULDN'T HAVE DROPPED US OFF RIGHT AT THE TEMPLE?

THIS IS AS CLOSE AS WE COULD GET. IT'S NOT MUCH FARTHER.

YOU'VE KEPT THIS A SECRET FOR YOUR WHOLE LIFE?

I LEFT 25 YEARS AGO, SO... HALF OF MY LIFE.

AND ABDIEL?

HE FOLLOWED ME OUT WHEN I WAS BANISHED. I GUESS HE LOOKED UP TO ME. HE WAS JUST A BOY THEN.

HOW DID YOU END UP IN THE TEMPLE?

I WAS BORN THERE. YOU CAN TRACE THE CHRISTENSEN'S BACK TO THE 12TH CENTURY. THE FIRST CHRISTENSEN WAS A KNIGHT OF THE TEUTONIC ORDER.

YOUR PARENTS?

THEY BOTH DIED WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG. I WAS RAISED BY THE ELDERS.

HOW HAVE THEY SURVIVED ALL THIS TIME IN SECRET?

WELL, THE KNIGHTS ARE MOSTLY INVOLVED IN FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS NOW. AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED, WE ARE KIND OF OFF THE GRID HERE.

WHY DID THEY BANISH YOU?

I HAD TOO MUCH OF MY ANCESTOR'S BLOOD. I WANTED TO EXPLORE. I WANTED TO SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD TO THE WORLD.

SO YOU ARE A MAN OF GOD.

I DON'T LET THAT DEFINE ME, BUT YES, I AM.

STOP RIGHT THERE!

ISAAC!

HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM!

DON'T HURT HIM!

DROP YOUR WEAPONS AND COME WITH ME!

WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO TO US, DAD?
DON'T WORRY. IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT.
JUST DON'T LOOK HER IN THE EYE.
WHO?
INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE DYING, MANY OF THEM GOOD CHRISTIANS.
WHEN YOU LEFT THE TEMPLE, YOU FORFEITED ANY ALLIANCE WE ONCE HAD. YOU ARE NO LONGER WELCOME HERE.
ALL KNEEL BEFORE THE KNIGHT QUEEN OF THE FOURTH AGE... GLADIUS!
SHE HASN'T AGED A DAY!
YOU'VE GOTTEN VERY COMFORTABLE ON THAT THRONE, GLADIUS. BUT YOU'RE REALLY JUST HIDING IN THE SHADOWS, TOO SCARED TO HELP THE PEOPLE THAT NEED YOU. YOU'VE TURNED YOUR BACK ON YOUR RACE AND YOUR RELIGION!
SILENCE!!!
RISE, SIR CHIRSTENSEN, AND ADDRESS THE CHARGES OF TRESPASSING ON SACRED GROUND. YOU DO REALIZE THE PUNISHMENT FOR YOUR VIOLATION IS DEATH, DON'T YOU?
I CAME HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP. AMERICA IS UNDER ATTACK.
I DON'T CONCERN MYSELF OR THE TEMPLE WITH PETTY POLITICS.
TAKE HIM TO MY CHAMBERS. PUT THE OTHERS IN A CELL.

I TOLD YOU YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD TURN ON YOU. I SAID THAT WHEN YOU LEFT. AND YOU, THE NAÏVE OPTIMIST, THOUGHT YOU COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

I STILL CAN. WITH YOUR HELP. ORDER IS WIPING OUT THE WHITE RACE. YOU CAN'T JUST STAND BY-

I NEED YOUR SOLDIERS TO HELP ME TAKE BACK SPACE FORCE.

YOU ARE TRYING TO MAKE YOUR PROBLEMS MY PROBLEMS.

I CAN BEAT ORDER IF I CAN GET MY SHIPS AND MEN BACK.

I KEPT YOUR SWORD. THE EDGE IS STILL SHARP.

YOU DON'T TELL ME WHAT I CAN AND CAN'T DO, MAXIMILLIAN! YOU NEVER EARNED THAT RIGHT!

MOSES, WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF DEFEATING ONE PLATOON OF PEACEKEEPERS?

THE KNIGHTS HAVE A FORCE OF 400 ABLEBODIED FIGHTERS. AGAINST ONE PLATOON OF PEACEKEEPERS, THE SUCCESS RATE IS 12 TO 14 PERCENT DEPENDING ON A WIDE VARIETY OF VARIABLES-

THAT'S ENOUGH, MOSES

DO YOU REMEMBER HOW MANY HOURS WE SPENT IN THIS ROOM? ME TEACHING YOU HOW TO USE THAT SWORD?

I WILL MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF YOU, WITH YOUR HEAD ON A PIKE.

THEN YOU GIVE ME NO CHOICE. I INVOKE MY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY COMBAT.

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU'VE USED A SWORD IN COMBAT?

IT FEELS LIKE YESTERDAY.

GLADIUS TRAINS EVERY DAY. AND SHE'S NOT GOING TO TAKE IT EASY ON YOU. SHE COULD KILL YOU.

ISN'T THERE ANOTHER WAY?

HAVE FAITH. BOTH OF YOU.

YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES REMAINING UNTIL THE TRIAL BEGINS.

MOSES, WHAT IS YOUR PRIME DIRECTIVE?

TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE HIGH COMMANDER OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

DAD, THERE MIGHT BE A WAY OUT OF THIS.

WHAT?

HER AI, MOSES.

I HAVE AN IDEA BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY ALIVE FOR FOUR OR FIVE MINUTES.

THAT WAS MY PLAN.

I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING ISAAC. IT JUST MIGHT WORK.

YOU'LL HAVE TO DISARM HER, SOMEHOW. GET HER SWORD.

IF IT WILL HELP ME BEAT HER ISAAC, DO WHAT YOU CAN.

IT'S TIME...

GLADIUS! GLADIUS! GLADIUS!

WHERE ARE YOU, TROY...?

ISAAC, YOUR FATHER IS GOING TO BE FINE.

I KNOW, BECAUSE I'M GONNA HELP HIM WIN.

MAXIMILLIAN CHRISTENSEN, YOU ARE ACCUSED OF VIOLATING THE SACRED COVENANT OF THE TEMPLE. ARE YOU PREPARED TO ACCEPT YOUR SENTENCE?

YOU ALWAYS WERE SO DRAMATIC. CAN WE GET ON WITH THIS?

AHHHHHH!!!!

SLASH

SHE'S FASTER THAN I REMEMBER. IT MUST BE HER ARMOR--

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BETRAY ME!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M TAKING OVER MOSES' MOTOR DRIVE

MOSES?

GLADIUS' AI. THE NETWORK SECURITY IS NONEXISTENT INSIDE THIS PLACE. GUESS THEY NEVER EXPECTED AND INTERNAL THREAT.

I'M IN!

SLAVE MODE

THIS IS MY CHANCE!

WTF???

SLAAAAAASH

AGGHHHHH!!!

SLAAAAAASH

BY DIVINE RIGHT, I AM THE NEW HIGH COMMANDER! SWEAR YOUR FEALTY TO ME, AND WE WILL CONQUER OUR ENEMIES!!

STOMP

MAX... MAX... MAX!

STOMP STOMP

FROM THIS POINT FORWARD, WE WILL BE KNOWN AS KNIGHTFALL!!

MAX! MAX!!

COMMANDER, ORDER TROOPS ARE HEADING THIS WAY.

MEN, GATHER WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES. WE ARE EVACUATING THE TEMPLE!

YOU'RE INJURED.

IT'S NOTHING. I NEED YOU ALL TO HELP PREP THE KNIGHTS TRANSPORT SHIPS.

THOSE TEMPLAR SHIPS CAN'T BREAK ORBIT.

THEY DON'T HAVE TO. SET A COURSE FOR SPACE FORCE.

THAT WAS GOOD WORK BACK THERE, ISAAC.

THANKS, AND NOW YOU HAVE YOUR OWN PERSONAL AI GUARD. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MOSES.

I WILL SERVE AND PROTECT HIGH COMMANDER CHRISTENSEN.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WHEN WE GET TO SPACE FORCE? SURELY THEY'LL BE WAITING FOR US.

ORDER IS PUTTING WHITES INTO DETENTION CAMPS NOW. I'M HEARING CHATTER ABOUT EXECUTIONS WITHOUT TRIALS.

IT'S GENOCIDE.

I WILL BE THEIR SAVIOR. ANYONE THAT OPPOSES ME WILL BE DEALT WITH.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

I WILL SET THE STANDARD FOR THE RIGHTEOUS. ORDER PROTECTS THE SINNERS AND ENCOURAGES THE MORAL DECAY OF THIS WORLD.

I WILL BE THE FIRE THAT DESTROYS THEM ALL, AND FROM THE ASHES, THE PURE WILL RESTORE THE WORLD.

WE'RE TOO LATE.

THE TRACKER I PUT ON TROY'S SHIP CAN ONLY SEND AN INTERMITTENT SIGNAL, OTHERWISE, THEY WOULD HAVE FOUND THE DEVICE.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

WHAT HAS HE DONE?

GET HER DOWN FROM THERE AND LOAD HER ON MY SHIP.

WITH MY TECHNOLOGY, SHE CAN STILL BE USEFUL TO US.

KNIGHTFALL CONVOY

BEEP BEEP

BEEP BEEP

TO BE CONTINUED...